

ADJUSTING LAND-OWNERSHIP LINES WITHIN THE
GENERAL GRANT GROVE SECTION OF THE KINGS
CANYON NATIONAL PARK, CALIF.

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Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 69]

The Committee on Public Lands and Surveys, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 69) to authorize the adjustment of land-ownership lines within the General Grant grove section of the Kings Canyon National Park, Calif., in order to protect equities established by possession arising in conformity with a certain survey, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The favorable report of the Department of the Interior with regard to this proposed legislation is hereinbelow set forth in full and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 22, 1941.

Hon. J. W. ROBINSON,
*Chairman, Committee on the Public Lands,
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Further reference is made to your request for the views of this Department on H. R. 69, entitled "A bill to authorize the adjustment of land-ownership lines within the General Grant grove section of the Kings Canyon National Park, Calif., in order to protect equities established by possession arising in conformity with a certain survey, and for other purposes."

I recommend that H. R. 69, if amended as hereafter suggested, be enacted.

This proposed legislation is made necessary by the conditions developed in the resurvey, by the General Land Office of this Department, of section 5, township 14 south, range 28 east of the Mount Diablo meridian, California, as shown on the enclosed map. This land is within the boundaries of the General Grant grove section of the Kings Canyon National Park.

Part of section 5, as outlined in red on the map, was originally surveyed by the county surveyor of Tulare County. However, due to the odd shape of the section, the boundaries of the portion surveyed by the county, known as the

Wilsonia town site, were incorrectly located. The blue line on the enclosed map shows the corrected south boundary of the tract. Inasmuch as several property owners along the south boundary are affected adversely by the resurvey of the section and as improvements have been made on some of the property, it is believed that an adjustment, as provided by this bill, should be made.

It appears that not more than 2 acres of land would be involved in the proposed boundary adjustment. In order to state more clearly the purpose of the legislation, I recommend that the first section of the bill be amended to read as follows:

"The Secretary of the Interior shall so adjust the boundaries of the privately owned lands in the General Grant grove section of the Kings Canyon National Park, California, as to recognize existing equities based on possession or claim established in reliance upon a survey made by the county surveyor of Tulare County, California, and recorded in volume 17 of Maps, page 2, Official Records of the County Records of Tulare County, California. To effectuate the purposes of this act the Secretary may amend existing patents or relinquish or grant parcels of land within the area to claimants whose equities the Secretary determines are entitled to recognition."

I have been advised by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection by that Bureau to the presentation of this report to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. WIRTZ,

Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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